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control unit 22 then receives the requested content transmitted by the server 4 by way of the network 3. Then, the content is transferred from the communication control unit 22 to the internal control unit 25. Typically, the internal control unit 25 outputs the content to the monitor apparatus 8 to be displayed thereby by way of the video-signal-processing unit 26 and the video mix unit 28. The internal control unit 25 also outputs the content to the speaker 9 by way of the audio-signal-processing unit 27.

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Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 22, line 2 as follows:

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By the same token, the internal control unit 25 may receive a command making a request for reception of desired movie and music distribution service information from the server 4 from the operation control unit 24. In this case, the internal control unit 25 executes a selected routine to supply a command to the communication control unit 22 in order to make a request for reception of the movie and music distribution service information from the server 4 by way of the network 3. In response to this request, the communication control unit 22 issues a request for the desired movie and music distribution service information to the server 4 by way of the network 3. The communication control unit 22 then receives the requested movie and music distribution service information transmitted by the server 4 by way of the network 3. The movie and music distribution service information is then transferred from the communication control unit 22 to the internal control unit 25.

In the Claims:

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Please amend claims 2, 9 and 10 as follows:

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2. (Amended) An information-processing apparatus according to claim 1 wherein said first to fourth icons each represents a content or a class of a content.

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9. (Amended) An information-processing method comprises:
a first display step of controlling a display of an icon hierarchy including a plurality of first icons on a first hierarchical layer, a plurality of second icons on a second hierarchical layer at a level lower than said first hierarchical layer, a plurality of third icons on a third hierarchical layer at a level lower than said second hierarchical layer and a plurality of fourth icons on a

fourth hierarchical layer at a level higher than said first hierarchical layer so as to exhibit an array of said first icons as a column or a row on a screen and an array of said second icons as another column or another row on said screen wherein:

the number of said first icons displayed on said screen and the number of said second icons displayed on said screen are determined by the size of a display area on said screen; and

said array of said first icons and said array of said second icons are displayed on said screen to form an array hierarchical structure;

an icon-specifying step of specifying a desired icon from said first or second icons displayed in said array hierarchical structure; and

a second display control step of changing said array hierarchical structure displayed on said screen so as to:

display said third icons to replace said second icons in said array hierarchical structure on said screen and display said second icons to replace said first icons in said array hierarchical structure on said screen when said icon-specifying step specifies one of said second icons in said array hierarchical structure; and

display said fourth icons to replace said first icons in said array hierarchical structure on said screen and display said first icons to replace said second icons in said array hierarchical structure on said screen when said icon-specifying step specifies one of said first icons in said array hierarchical structure.

10. (Amended) A recording medium for storing a program to be executed by a computer to implement an information-processing method, which comprises:

a first display control step of controlling a display of an icon hierarchy including a plurality of first icons on a first hierarchical layer, a plurality of second icons on a second hierarchical layer at a level lower than said first hierarchical layer, a plurality of third icons on a third hierarchical layer at a level lower than said second hierarchical layer and a plurality of fourth icons on a fourth hierarchical layer at a level higher than said first hierarchical layer so as to exhibit an array of said first icons as a column or a row on a screen and an array of said second icons as another column or another row on said screen wherein:

the number of said first icons displayed on said screen and the number of said second icons displayed on said screen are determined by the size of a display area on said screen; and

said array of said first icons and said array of said second icons are displayed on said screen to form an array hierarchical structure;

an icon-specifying step of specifying a desired icon from said first or second icons displayed in said array hierarchical structure; and

a second display control step of changing said array hierarchical structure displayed on said screen so as to:

display said third icons to replace said second icons in said array hierarchical structure on said screen and display said second icons to replace said first icons in said array hierarchical structure on said screen when said icon-specifying step specifies one of said second icons in said array hierarchical structure; and

display said fourth icons to replace said first icons in said array hierarchical structure on said screen and display said first icons to replace said second icons in said array hierarchical structure on said screen when said icon-specifying step specifies one of said first icons in said array hierarchical structure.

In the Abstract:

Please replace the originally filed abstract in its entirety with the following new abstract:

An information processing apparatus includes a first display controller, an icon-specifying device and a second display controller. The first display controller controls a display of of first icons on a first hierarchical layer, second icons on a second hierarchical layer at a level lower than the first hierarchical layer, so as to exhibit an array of the first icons as a column or a row on a screen and an array of the second icons as another column or another row on the screen according to the size of a display area on the screen. The second display controller changes the array hierarchical structure displayed on the screen so as to display third icons to replace the second icons in the array hierarchical structure on the screen, and display the second icons to replace the first icons when one of the second icons in the array hierarchical structure is specified.